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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 403X); BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) Abandonment in and near Wichita, Kansas and between Wichita and Valley Center, Sedgwick County, Kansas

Dear Secretary Williams:

On March 4, 2003, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service between railroad milepost 494.22 and railroad milepost 505.20 in and near Wichita, Kansas, and railroad milepost 515.23 to railroad milepost 509.30 between Wichita and Valley Center, in Sedgwick County, Kansas, a total distance of 16.91 miles. The lines traverse United States Postal Service Zip Codes 67147, 67204, 67206, 67208, 67214, 67219, and 67230. By STB decision served March 24, 2003, the STB granted the exemption authority to abandon, effective April 23, 2003. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment was to be consummated as of March 24, 2004. Pursuant to STB decision served December 29, 2005, the STB extended the consummation date until July 1, 2006.

BNSF has completely salvaged that portion of the line between railroad milepost 510.10 and railroad milepost 514.60 between Wichita and Valley Center, in Sedgwick County, Kansas, a total distance of 4.50 miles. BNSF is retaining 0.80 miles on the south end of the line and 0.63 miles on the north end of the line for rail purposes. BNSF previously advised the Board that BNSF and the City of Wichita entered into a Railbanking Agreement on March 24, 2005, on the Wichita, Kansas Trackage, between railroad milepost 494.22 and railroad milepost 504.05. This letter is to advise the Board that BNSF is consummating the abandonment of the Wichita and Valley Center, KS rail line between railroad milepost 510.10 and railroad milepost 514.60 and that portion of the line on the Wichita, Kansas Trackage between railroad milepost 504.05 and railroad milepost 505.20.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

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